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Knew of Burglary Plan, Summa Director Testifies

ELKO, Nev., Jan. 12 (AP) — Summa Corp. director Frank Gay has testified he knew of plans to burglarize a safe in the office of Las Vegas Sun publisher Hank Greenspun, but did not notify authorities.

Gay testified Tuesday that he found out later that the men who planned the Sun burglary were Watergate figures G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt. Both pleaded guilty to burglary in the Watergate scandal.

He said he advised Summa's chief of security, who told him of the plan, to forget about it.

The testimony came during the trial in which Greenspun is seeking 142 million in damages from Summa. The publisher maintains that Summa filed a trust deed on property owned by Greenspun, that prevented him from selling it for millions of dollars in profit.